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NEWS AND  
INFORMATION  
ABOUT GIVING  
TO BOWDOIN



Tommy Davis '05 and Associate  
Professor Emerita Nancy Jennings

## Hyde Scholarship Connects Family, Alumni, Employer, Professor, and Student

Tommy Davis '05 was a student at Bowdoin when his mother passed away from cancer. With his family thousands of miles away in San Francisco, Brunswick could easily have been a lonely place during that difficult time. But the Bowdoin community, and in particular Tommy's advisor, Associate Professor Nancy Jennings, stepped up and supported Tommy—a kindness he has never forgotten. To this day, he considers Jennings not only an extraordinary educator, but a true mentor—someone who helped shape him as a student and a person throughout his life.

Tommy honored Professor Jennings by establishing a Hyde Scholarship in her name, and leveraged a match from his employer, global growth equity investment firm General Atlantic, to help fund the scholarship. The scholarship supports Francisco Navarro, a sophomore from Thibodaux, Louisiana—and will continue supporting him through his graduation from Bowdoin in 2019. Tommy's younger sister, Jeannie Davis '20 (who was seven at the time of Tommy's graduation), will graduate the following year, and she and Tommy look forward to their shared Bowdoin reunions.



## Kent Island Experience Inspires Science, Birding, and Philanthropy

Patty O'Brien Towle '76 spent a transformative summer on Kent Island as a Bowdoin student, and the experience continues to have an impact on her life to this day. Patty and her husband, Andy Towle, are both involved in scientific pursuits—Patty is a child psychologist with a specialty in autism and is active in clinical work, research, and teaching; Andy runs his own biotechnology company specializing in vaccines. They are avid birders, frequently traveling to places like Africa and Central and South America to view exotic species.

Hoping to inspire the same passion for scientific inquiry and the natural world that Patty's time on Kent Island fostered in her, the Towles recently established the Andrew Towle and Patricia O'Brien Towle '76 Fund for Kent Island. The fund will supplement the Towles' current-use gifts to the Bowdoin Scientific Station on Kent Island, which are funding repairs and renovations to the Warden's House and installation of a new solar power system, along with a critically important endowment for general maintenance and upkeep of the island itself. In this way, the Towles hope to make sure that the Kent Island experience is available to many future generations of Bowdoin students.



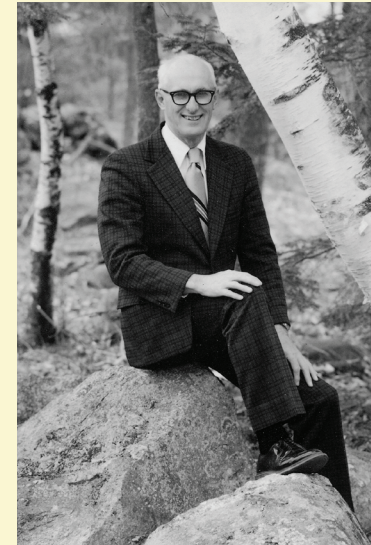
Andy Towle and Patty O'Brien Towle '76 birding in Nicaragua.

## New Fund Honors Beloved Educator

An inspirational teacher, counselor, coach, and principal for nearly four decades, George T. Davidson Jr. '38, known as "Dave," graduated from Bowdoin and began teaching and coaching at Kennett High School in Conway, New Hampshire. Later, he became the school's youngest-ever principal, a role he held for ten years. However, missing direct contact with students, he soon returned to the classroom and playing fields. In his capacity as a popular teacher and coach, students often reached out to him for guidance, which led to Dave founding and directing the school's guidance department. Dave spent thirty-three years at Kennett, with a four-year break during World War II when he served in the Army Air Corps. Dave and his wife, Fran, also founded an outdoor residential camp for boys, Camp Wakuta, which they ran from 1953 to 1967. In addition to these many accomplishments, Dave served as lay pastor and, later, an ordained minister at several area churches for nearly forty years.

The George T. Davidson Jr. '38 Fellowship for the Common Good was established by Davidson's godson, Dave Fitts '64 (whose father, Dave Fitts '38, was Davidson's Bowdoin roommate), and his wife, Bette, along with members of the Davidson family: Rick '69 and Jane Davidson, Raylene and Ron Newbury, and their son, Kevin Newbury '00. The fund is a loving tribute to Davidson and his life in service to the common good.

For a more detailed bio of Davidson, go to the [McKeen Center for the Common Good website](https://www.mckeen-center.org/fellowships-beyond/davidson-summer-fellowship), [bowdoin.edu/mckeen-center/fellowships-beyond/davidson-summer-fellowship](https://www.bowdoin.edu/mckeen-center/fellowships-beyond/davidson-summer-fellowship).



THE FUND IS A LOVING TRIBUTE TO GEORGE T. "DAVE" DAVIDSON JR. '38 AND HIS LIFE IN SERVICE TO THE COMMON GOOD.



Left to right: Dave '64 and Bette Fitts; Kevin '00, Sara, Ron, and Raylene Newbury; Heidi, Hanna, Jane, Rick '69, and Gretchen Davidson

## Additional Newly Endowed Funds

### Hancock Family Scholarship Fund

Carol, Kevin '88, and Alison Hancock '90 recently established the Hancock Family Scholarship Fund. The fund, which will support scholarship aid for Bowdoin students, celebrates the family's deep, multigenerational connection to Bowdoin, and honors Carol's husband, Kevin's father, Alison's father-in-law, and Sydney and Abby's grandfather, the late Dave Hancock '64.

Alison Aymar Hancock '90, Carol Hancock, Sydney Hancock '17, Kevin Hancock '88, and Abby Hancock



### Mary Lourdes Pinckney and Roger Saillant Scholarship Fund

Roger Saillant '65 and his wife, Mary Lourdes Pinckney Saillant, recently established the Mary Lourdes Pinckney and Roger Saillant Scholarship Fund. The fund supports scholarship aid for Bowdoin students, particularly those who no longer have any living biological or adoptive parents, or those raised by a single parent.

Mary Lourdes Pinckney and Roger Saillant '65



### Robert R. Wiener Scholarship Fund

An anonymous donor recently established the Robert R. Wiener Scholarship Fund to honor a friend and business associate, Bob Wiener. The fund supports scholarship aid for Bowdoin students, in particular those from the outer boroughs of New York City, and those who have an interest in the outdoors and/or the arts.

### Williams Family Internship Fund

The Williams family—including Benjamin J. ("Banjo") Williams Jr. '82, Elizabeth P. Williams, and their daughters, Margaret ("Maggie") '12, Gretchen '14, and Anna '16—recently established the Williams Family Internship Fund. The fund supports internships for Bowdoin students, particularly women, who pursue opportunities in education, the arts, and/or environmental sustainability.

### Yochum Family Scholarship Fund

Bowdoin parents Julian and Stacy Yochum and their daughter, Catherine '15, recently established the Yochum Family Scholarship Fund. The fund will support scholarship aid for Bowdoin students.